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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Aboul-Hosn et al. Attorney Docket No.: 9261.16626-PCT US

Serial No.: 09/763,911 Examiner: R. Ghafoorian

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Title: Intravascular Cannulation Apparatus and Methods of Use

AMENDMENT B
SUBMITTED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed 14 February 2003, which was designated a Final Action in the parent case. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed to respond to the Office Action and advance prosecution.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including 14 August 2003, has been requested with the filing of the RCE. The requisite fee has been paid. Please amend the application as follows:

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